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DEPT FOR M/CT AND S/S-O

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, EAIR, BG

SUBJECT: JAL HIJACKING

1. TWO AMERICANS RELEASED FROM AIRCRAFT (KRUEGER AND MRS.  
KARABIAN) WERE MET BY THE AMBASSADOR AND ARE NOW AT EMBASSY.  
THEY HAVE BEEN DEBRIEFED BY BDG OFFICIALS AND BY EMBASSY.

2. THEY REPORT THERE ARE FIVE (NOT TWO AS PREVIOUSLY  
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SUSPECTED) HIJACKERS, ALL OF WHOM THEY BELIEVE TO BE  
JAPANESE ALTHOUGH FACES ARE PARTIALLY COVERED. THEY ALSO  
BELIEVE THEY BOARDED AIRCRAFT IN BOMBAY WHERE THEY REPORT  
SECURITY WAS SLIPSHOD.

3. HIJACKERS ARE ARMED WITH HAND WEAPONS AND HAND GRENADES  
AND ARE CARRYING PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES. THE PLASTIC

EXPLOSIVES HAVE BEEN WIRED INTO ALL EXITS INCLUDING EMERGENCY EXITS) OF AIRCRAFT AND HAVE BEEN PLACED AT SEVERAL POSITIONS IN AISLES AND POSSIBLY ALSO IN COCKPIT. THUS HIJACKERS ARE WELL PREPARED TO DESTROY PLANE AND OCCUPANTS SHOULD ANY COMMANDO TYPE OPERATION BE MOUNTED OR SUSPECTED OF BEING MOUNTED.

4. TEN AMERICANS REMAIN ON AIRCRAFT. THESE INCLUDE ELDERLY GABRIEL COUPLE. MRS. KARABIAN, WHO IS TRAVELING WITH HER HUSBAND AND THE GABRIELS, REPORTS THAT MR. GABRIEL HAD MUCH DIFFICULTY FROM HEAT BUT HAS IMPROVED SINCE AIRCONDITIONING WAS HOOKED UP.

5. ACCORDING TO BOTH, THERE IS MUCH TENSION ON AIRCRAFT AND MUCH UNCERTAINTY. HEAT WAS INTENSE PRIOR TO CONNECTION OF GROUND UNIT AS CAN BE WELL UNDERSTOOD AS PLANE WAS PARKED IN FULL MID-AFTERNOON Dacca SUN. FOOD EVENTUALLY REQUESTED AND PROVIDED THIS MORNING HELPED PASSENGERS AS DID WATER SUPPLIED EARLIER. PASSENGERS WERE UNAWARE THAT FUEL HAD BEEN TAKEN ON AS HIJACKERS HAD INSISTED ALL CURTAINS BE DRAWN ON LANDING. THE TWO RELEASED ALSO REPORT SOME DIARRHEA AMONG PASSENGERS AS WELL AS HEAT-RELATED DIFFICULTIES.

6. AMBASSADOR ALSO TALKED BY TELEPHONE AT AIRPORT WITH AIR VICE MARSHAL MAHMUD WHO REMAINS HOPEFUL THAT  
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THERE WILL BE A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF SITUATION. HE HAD ALSO BEEN IN CONTACT WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY WHO IS AT PRESIDENT'S HOUSE KEEPING ZIA BRIEFED, AS WELL AS THE JAPANESE EMBASSY.

7. OTHER THREE RELEASED ARE INDIAN NATIONALS.  
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